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## TO THE SEED TRADE AND OUR CUSTOMERS:

In view of the fact that we will not issue a catalog this year we take this method of calling your attention to the seed we have in stock, and invite your inspection and patronage. Before giving a list of the varieties we have to offer we call your attention to a few matters of importance to us and we believe also to you. In the first place you will notice we have changed the name of our firm, Humiston & St. John Company, to St. John & Bull Seed Company. Second, we have added substantially to our personell, and third, we have perfected a plan whereby we will be able to offer an increasingly larger amount of pedigreed and improved seeds annually.

Mr. C. P. Bull, former professor in Agronomy at the Minnesota Agricultural College, and prominent in the plant breeding work that has advertised Minnesota so well, has seen fit to sever his connection with the University and enter actively in the practical work of improving varieties for farm conditions and breed them on a large scale for this purpose.

Mr. Bull is uniquely well fitted for the work; having been born and raised on a farm and worked his way through the University Agricultural College after he had reached the voting age. Nearly all the improved varieties distributed from University Farm have passed inspection either entirely or in part because of the requirements exacted by him: Minnesota No. 23, 287, 13, and 455 corn; Minnesota No. 184 barley; Minnesota No. 261, 281, 295 and 237 oats; valuable varieties of hardy winter wheats; Minnesota No. 25 flax; Minnesota No. 2 rye, and other valuable varieties prominent in this state. Many of these also have become recognized in Eastern and Western states. It is now our purpose to go more actively into the production of these and other varieties adapted to Minnesota, eastern South Dakota and northwest Iowa conditions.

Mr. Bull was instrumental in the organization of the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, of which he has been secretary since 1905. In this and the college connection the varieties of farm crops have been materially improved in the Northwest. The growers have become interested in the production of standard varieties of intrinsic qualities and adapted to the various localities. Interesting farmers in the production of these varieties, printing the annual seed list, holding the annual seed show and disseminating the improved and pedigreed seeds developed at the Experiment Station, is but a part of the products of the association during the term of his guidance.

The St. John Grain Company has been identified with the grain trade of southwestern Minnesota and adjacent territory for the past 31 years. For the past 25 years the president of this company, Mr. B. P. St. John, has given much time and study to the improvement of southwest Minnesota field crops by selection of the better kinds of foundation stocks and by breeding these in collaboration with the Agricultural College of Minnesota. It is only fair to state here that the technical interest taken by Mr. St. John in these matters was largely due to his contact with C. P. Bull, who during these years was professor in Agronomy and Farm Management at the University of Minnesota.

Mr. St. John worked closely and intelligently with this department, but more particularly with Professor Bull.

Mr. F. L. Humiston, a well-known crop enthusiast of Worthington, Minn., joined forces with the St. John grain organization in 1914, under the corporate firm of Humiston & St. John Company. Mr. Humiston's well-known business judgment and sterling integrity has added much strength to the business during the six active years of his personal service. When Mr. Humiston decided this year that he would retire from active personal service to visit California, an invitation was extended to Professor C. P. Bull to come and join in the field seed business of active producing, acquiring and distributing seeds on a commercial basis. He accepted the invitation and is actively engaged in the work, in fact he has cast his lot with the firm and become part of us.

In view of the uniting of these two interests it was decided to change the name of the firm name to incorporate in the name the identity of both, hence the St. John & Bull Seed Company.

We are here to stay, and we expect to give service that will be a credit to ourselves and to the public.

In offering our seeds to the public we have no apology to make with reference to quality,\*viability, or adaptability. The varieties are all standard and have been grown in Minnesota sufficiently long to have proved their value and determined their place. The small grains are all recleaned and graded, the clovers, alfalfa and other such seeds are carefully cleaned and graded. The corn is thoroughly cured, tipped, butted, shelled and graded before offering it to our customers. All seeds are of high percentage purity and tested for approved germination. When car lots of seeds can be supplied the variety is so indicated by a star (\*).

Weather conditions and other injuries to which seeds are subject are beyond our control after the seed is in the ground. We exercise every care and all seeds are selected and put up with the greatest of care, but St. John & Bull Seed Company give no warranty, express or implied as to description, quality, productiveness or any other matter of the seeds they send out and will not be responsible for the crop.

The following list of varieties is offered:

**Alfalfa:**

Grimm, South Dakota grown (soil inoculated).

Grimm, Minnesota grown.

Common, South Dakota grown.

**Beans:**

Navy—Common.

Garden varieties; Golden Wax and Stringless Green Pod.

**Soy Beans:**

Wisconsin Black, for seed or forage.

Minnesota No. 110—Chestnut, for seed or forage.

Medium Maturing Yellow, for forage.

**Bromus-Inermus:**

See Grasses.

**Barley:**

\*Manshury.

Minnesota No. 184—Pedigreed Manshury.

**\*Buckwheat:**

Japanese.

Silver Hull.

**Beets:**

Mangels; Mammoth Long Red.

Golden Tankard.

Yellow Globe.

**Garden Beets:**

Round Egyptian (Globe Red).

Flat Egyptian (Flat Red).

**Carrots:**

Stock Variety—Orange Belgian; White Belgian.

Table Variety—Chautenay; Nantes.

**Corn:**

\*Minnesota No. 13; Yellow—Most popular variety in the Northwest.

Minnesota No. 23; White Cap Yellow—Excellent for

early hogging off.  
Minnesota No. 287; Crosby—Golden Bantam—Evergreen.  
Minnesota No. 455; Yellow—New and very promising for rich soils.  
\*Armstrong; Light Yellow.  
Reeves; Yellow.  
Rustler; White.  
Silver King; White.  
Northwestern; Red with Yellow Cap.  
Longfellow Flint—Excellent for fodder or early hogging off.  
White Rice; Pop Corn.

**Clover:**

Medium Red.  
Mammoth Red.  
Alsyke.  
White.  
White Blossom Sweet.

**Flax:**

Common No. 1 Northern.  
Minnesota No. 25.  
South Dakota Wilt Resistant.

**Grasses:**

Bromus Inermus—Very valuable for hay and pasture.  
Blue Grass—For lawns and pasture.  
Red Top—For heavy and moist lands.  
\*Timothy.

**\*Millets:**

American.  
Siberian.  
Early Fortune.  
Broom Corn Variety.

**Mangels:**

See Beets.

**Onions:**

Bottom Sets—Yellow and White.

**Oats:**

\*Russian Green.  
Kherson, Iowa 105 Yellow.  
Iowa 103 White.

**Potatoes:**

Triumph.  
Early Ohio.  
Late Round White—Rural Type.

**Parsnip:**

Improved Hollow Crown.  
Guernsey; Half Long.

**Peas:**

Field; White Canada.  
Gordon; American Wonder.

**Pumpkin:**

Field or Stock Variety.

**Rape:**

Dwarf Essex Sowing Variety.

**Radish:**

Icicle.  
Round Scarlet, One-half White.  
Non Plus Ultra.

**Sorghum:**

Minnesota Early Amber—For syrup or forage.  
Southern Amber—For forage.

**Squash:**

Hubbard; Choice Improved.  
Individual; Table Variety—Sweet and delicious, per  
packet 50 seeds, 25 cents.

**Turnip:**

Early Snow Ball; Flat White.

**Wheat:**

Marquis—Canadian grown.  
Marquis—Minnesota grown.  
Minnesota No. 1507 Winter Wheat.  
Minnesota Grown Turkey Variety Winter Wheat





